

Urban Compact Areas **State vs Municipal Maintenance Responsibilities on State and State Aid Highways**

Title 23 § 754-- Town maintenance in compact areas—

1. Jurisdiction-- all state and state aid highways within compact areas of urban compact municipalities, as defined in subsection 2, as determined by the department must be maintained in good repair by the town in which the highways are located at the expense of the town.

Per 23 § 2, the definition of "highway" means all of the right-of-way that may have been laid out by the State, county or town.

Municipal urban maintenance duties

- Winter snow & ice control
- Pothole repair
- Pavement markings per MUTCD (centerline, arrows, words, symbols, crosswalks and edgeline (if any))
- Traffic signs per MUTCD (regulatory, warning and advisory)
- Ditching
- Driveway and cross culvert cleaning, repair, and replacement
- Catch basin and underdrain cleaning and repair
- Surface treatments i.e. sand seals, chip seals, crack sealing, asphalt shimming, thin overlays (typically less than 1 inch thick and do not improve strength)
- Traffic signal/support/foundation maintenance
- Guardrail installation or repair
- RR signs and pavement markings
- Brush cutting, erosion control, mowing, herbicide application
- Tree pruning or removal
- Retaining walls
- Sidewalk maintenance
- Dust control, street sweeping

MaineDOT maintenance duties

- US and state route number (highway & bicycle) and destination signs
- Bridge and minor span maintenance
- Speed limit sign installation on state and state aid highways for the initial speed zone implementation, or when a subsequent review creates a change in speed in a specific section of state road. This includes the speed limit signs, advanced warning signs, if warranted, plus all subsequent signs in this specific zone.